

**(Hartford, CT)** – The Connecticut Congressional Delegation today applauded an \$8.6 million Department of Health and Human Services grant to provide home visits that support early childhood development to Connecticut families that elect to receive such services. The grant was awarded to the Connecticut Department of Public Health through the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program created by the Affordable Care Act.

**“This grant will help foster a safer, healthier environment for children and growing families in Connecticut,”** said the delegation in a statement. **“Through in-home visits from counselors, nurses, and other professionals, parents will have access to the training and early education resources that strengthen families and give children the support they need to excel.”**

The \$8,677,222 in funding announced today will allow Connecticut to expand its home visiting program and provide resources for early learning and development, prevention and identification of child maltreatment, improvement of maternal and child health outcomes, and family engagement.

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